

Remarks

Claims 1-21 and 25 are pending in the application, of which claims 17-21 are allowed; claims 1, 2, 11 and 25 are rejected; and claims 3-10 and 12-16 are objected to as being allowable. By this paper, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 11 and 12 and amended claims 2 and 14. Additionally, an Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith citing references that were cited in a copending application.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (JP 57083313 A). Claim 1 has been canceled by this paper. Claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 2, and claim 2 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 12, which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable. Thus, claim 2 is allowable as suggested by the Examiner, and claim 25 is allowable for depending from claim 2.

The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (JP 57083313 A). Claim 2 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 12, which the Examiner has indicated as being allowable. Therefore, claim 2 is not anticipated by Suzuki et al. Claim 11 has been canceled by this paper.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 17-21 are allowed.

Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 3-10 and 12-16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As stated above, claim 2 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 12 and therefore claim 2 is allowable as indicated by the Examiner

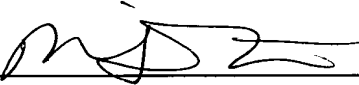
with reference to claim 12. Claims 3-10, 13, 15, 16 and 25 depend from claim 2 and therefore are allowable because claim 2 has been amended into allowable form. Additionally, claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim as suggested by the Examiner and therefore claim 14 is allowable as suggested by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully asserts that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

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